

PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER BY THE
MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF HOUSTON.

Whereas, the City of Houston on the 11 day of September, 2008, is anticipating the imminent threat of damage, destruction, injury, and/or loss of life resulting from Hurricane Ike; and

Whereas, the Mayor of the City of Houston has determined that emergency measures must be taken to either prepare for or respond to a disaster in order to prevent or minimize the loss of life and the destruction of property, and is empowered to take the actions described in this proclamation pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, as amended, Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code (the "Texas Disaster Act"), **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Section 1. Declaration of Local State of Disaster. A local state of disaster is hereby declared by the Mayor for the City of Houston and all surrounding incorporated areas pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Texas Disaster Act.

Section 2. Duration of Local State of Disaster. Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Texas Disaster Act, the local state of disaster issued in this proclamation shall continue until revoked, but in no event will it exceed a period longer than seven days of the date hereof, unless continued or renewed by the consent of the City Council of the City of Houston.

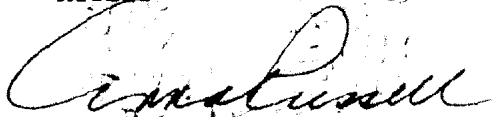
Section 3. Publicity and Filing. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the city secretary.

Section 4. Activation of the City Emergency Plan. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Houston's Emergency Management Plan.

Section 5. This proclamation shall take effect immediately upon its issuance by the Mayor of the City of Houston.

Ordered this the 11th day of September, 2008.

ATTEST



City Secretary



Mayor of the City of Houston, Texas

Approved by the Legal Department of the City of Houston, January 23, 2004.